

Application No.: 10/553,725
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111
Reply to Office Action dated March 11, 2009
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REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 12, 14 and 16 have been cancelled and claims 13, 15 and 17 have been amended in the application. Currently, claims 13, 15 and 17 are pending in the application.

Claims 12, 14 and 16 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Katayama (JP 11-191297) in view of Collani (WO 2006/045807). Since claims 12, 14 and 16 have been cancelled, this rejection is now moot.

Claim 13, 15 and 17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this amendment, claims 13, 15 and 17 have been rewritten into independent form including subject matter similar to claims 12, 14 and 16, respectively.


In view of foregoing claim amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and an action to this effect is respectfully requested.

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If there are any questions or concerns regarding this amendment or the remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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